

SENATE BILL 198

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to career readiness  
assessments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b)(4), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) As a strategy for assessing and certifying students' career readiness and providing students with more choices in identifying career pathways, LEAs and public charter schools shall provide each high school senior the opportunity to take nationally recognized assessments; provided, that the assessments:

(i) Are standardized, criterion-referenced tests designed to measure a broad range of foundational workplace skills;

(ii) Adhere to the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing developed by the American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association, and National Council on Measurement in Education;

(iii) Assess and confirm readiness for a variety of jobs;

(iv) Measure skills in a broad range of areas, including:

(a) Applied mathematics;

(b) Workplace documents; and

(c) Graphic literacy;

(v) Align with research-based skill requirement profiles for specific industries and occupations;

(vi) Lead to nationally recognized work-readiness certificates or credentials for individuals who meet the minimum proficiency requirements on the component assessments;

(vii) Are available in paper and computer-based formats; and

(viii) Are aligned with a self-paced, modular skills curriculum that allows for skill remediation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.